



Thursday Connection

*Building the Community,
One light at a Time.*

Calendar of Events

- **Saturday, August 8th**
4 -7 pm - Ice cream Social at Union UMC
- **Sunday, August 9th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship
1-3 pm - Swim Party at Spring lake
- **Monday, August 10th**
9 am – Care Team
6 pm – WOW @ Sprouts
- **Tuesday, August 11th**
9:30 am Quilters
- **Wednesday, August 12th**
4:45 pm – Praise Team
- **Sunday, August 16th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship

Name Tags

Please wear your nametags! If you need a new one, please let the Church office know!

Sunday Information:

Sunday, August 9th

9 am Ushers:

Brad Billings & John Staff

11 am Ushers:

Don Larson

Gathering Space Host:

Esther Strosaker &
Carol Gilliland



Contact the VSUMC Church Office at 217-222-7468 or office@vsumc.org

Sunday Worship

Worship Service:

9 am and 11 am

Blessing of the Back Packs

Scripture:

John 1:1 - 18

Youth Mission Trip Report

"The Light That Shines"

Children & Youth Swim Party

When: This Sunday

Where: Spring Lake Country Club

Time: Meet at Spring Lake at 1pm

We say, "Children & Youth," but the whole family is invited, and we aren't checking the ages of some "big kids" who want to join us!

Blessing of the Backpacks

This Sunday, we will bless the backpacks of the children at Vermont Street United Methodist Church. At both the 9 am and the 11 a.m. worship services, please bring your backpack to church for worship that day.

Cards & Well Wishes

This Sunday, August 9th is our amazing interns last day with us. Sandra has been such a blessing to have with us this summer. We will have a basket in the Gathering Space for any cards or well wishes. Thank you, Sandra, for all that you have done for Vermont Street United Methodist Church. We will miss you!

Staff Vacation and Office Closed

Due to vacation days overlapping, everyone is out of the office on Friday, August 14. The Church offices will be closed. We will be open Thursday, August 13, and Monday, August 17. Pastor Rachel will be away from 8/10 – 8/25. Contact the church office at 217-222-7468 or Pastor Annelle with any needs. Thank you for your understanding!

College Student Information

Help the church family stay in touch with our college students. If you have someone in your family starting this exciting chapter of their lives, or continuing the journey. Please make sure we have their new address and information so we can continue to support them.

If you are unable to join us in person, we also offer online streaming services of our 9:00 am service on our website vsumc.org and our [YouTube Channel](#). Our 9:00am service is also broadcasted on FM 105.1. The live stream will be available afterwards at those websites.

August Birthdays

2	Emma Staff
4	Chris Hyslop
6	Jessica Koscielski
6	Esther Strosaker
7	Barbra Fry
8	Donald Smith
8	Darrin Fierge
9	Boniface Messan
11	Andrew Brown
12	Jan Quintero
12	Gwynn Eadie
14	Leah Hanlin
16	Shirley Tode
16	Nadya Hayth
17	Andrew Sloan
18	Ron Howell
19	David Eadie
21	John Duker
27	Randy Fierge

August Anniversaries

4	Don & Sue Altheide
14	Hubert & Debbie Staff
15	Brad & Bonnie Billings
17	Wyverne & Bernita Penn
21	John & Candy Scott
26	John & Rhonda Basinger
29	Bill & Linda Dean

Flower of the Month: August

August Flowers are:
Poppies and Gladiolas



Back to School Backpacks Collection Update

Last Saturday, August 1st, was the Back to School Fair held at Iles Elementary. Vermont Street United Methodist Church donated backpacks filled with school supplies.

These 20 backpacks are thanks to the amazing generosity and kindness of our Vermont Street family.



Calling all Grandparents, Parents, & Teachers

After many years, Bright Start Ministries has closed its doors, leaving behind a treasure trove of books, activities, supplies, furniture, and so much more. We would love to see these amazing learning resources be given a second chance. If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact the church office to set up a time to come shop. Tell your friends!

Confirmation Class

We will be having a confirmation class this fall. This is for young people to consider the faith they have been taught, claim it for themselves, and take on the joys and opportunities of church membership. The class will be open to youth from grades six and up. Please contact pastor Rachel if you are interested.



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